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May/June 1999 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department





Edward L. Stinnette

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From The Fire Chief . . .

In the last edition of *Line Copy*, I discussed two of the principals in Operations' goals and objectives. In this edition, I will discuss the remainder of them.

Management

The management team is responsible for establishing goals, setting objectives, and ensuring that quality service is provided to the citizens we serve. Quality service is defined as doing the right thing the right way. These goals and objectives should complement the department's mission statement.

Response

In order to provide our service as quickly and safely as possible, personnel will respond to calls within 90 seconds of the dispatch. All personnel are responsible for knowing their response district. Each shift will conduct a walk-through of all target hazards each a year.

Emergency Scene Management

All personnel are expected to develop an action plan that will control and mitigate all incidents by using proper incident management techniques. Supervisors

will ensure that the incident management system (IMS) and accountability system are utilized. Additionally, supervisors are responsible for the safety of their personnel and the public. The incident commander shall ensure an rapid intervention team (RIT) is in place on those incidents where two or more lines are in-service, or as mandated by department policy. Caring for our citizens includes both rescue from immediate danger and ensuring their safety and well-being throughout the incident.

The remainder of these goals and objectives reflect the department's commitment to training, physical fitness, the EQUIPMENT we operate, and our stations. As we continue to struggle with the demands of the job, training and physical fitness activities must remain a high priority. Without proper training and physical fitness, our ability to provide the highest level of service to the citizens will be compromised.

If we continue to concentrate on these principles we will continue to provide the highest level of service to our citizens and provide a safe and healthy work environment for all personnel. ♦

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From The Editor . . .



Dan Schmidt

The other day I was having major computer problems, actually I've been having problems for a couple of weeks now, and Technician Carlos Carillo was given the dubious honor of fixing it. For those of you who don't know, Technician Carillo has been detailed to the Systems Management Section for the past several months to help with their overwhelming workload.

As he was dumping programs and reloading programs on my computer, I inserted the most recent episode of our *"Fire and Rescue Digest"* program into my VCR for review. As the introduction of *"Fire and Rescue Digest"* filled the TV screen, Technician Carillo remarked what an interesting looking program on the Fire and Rescue Department. We then began what proved to be an interesting and somewhat revealing conversation about *"Fire and Rescue Digest."*

Technician Carillo is a four-year veteran of the Fire and Rescue Department and has never heard or seen *"Fire and Rescue Digest"* on Fairfax County Government Access Cable Channel (Channel 16). Wow!

To set the record straight, Channel 16's goals include: providing comprehensive information about programs and services offered to Fairfax County residents by county agencies and to expand awareness of county government in general.

Another important goal is that it affords us (Fire and Rescue Department) an opportunity to showcase our people, programs, and services. It allows us to put human faces on what we do daily for not only our citizens but also to the entire department. Because we have 34 fire stations, a headquarters, the Academy, the Warehouse, and revolving work schedules, it's

important that we share as much as we can about who we are and what we do with each other. It adds value of monumental portions.

Let me tell you a little about an upcoming episode of *"Fire and Rescue Digest"*—it offers a couple of new and interesting twists. We are now featuring our personnel in a human interest type of format and we also are offering an opportunity for citizens to call in questions about the Fire and Rescue Department that they would like answered. Additionally, we have a piece on the thermal imaging devices the department is purchasing and the Finding Individuals In the Dark (F.I.N.D.) organization who was instrumental in helping with this worthy cause. Lieutenant Lorenzo Thrower, coordinator, has worked hard to make *"Fire and Rescue Digest"* a valued-added product. If you have story ideas for *"Fire and Rescue Digest"* please give him a call at 246-3801, we want to hear from you.

Cable Channel 16 distributes a monthly schedule that goes to all stations with *"Fire and Rescue Digest"* featured at various times. I'm hoping Technician Carillo's not knowing about *"Fire and Rescue Digest"* was just an anomaly. He returns to the field soon (going to Station 25) and has promised to watch and spread the word. I ask you to do the same. ♦

(*Fire and Rescue Digest* schedule listed on page 4.)

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Appoints Fire Chief

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted on April 19, 1999, to appoint Edward L. Stinnette as Chief of the Fire and Rescue Department for Fairfax County, Virginia. The unanimous vote came at the end of a special meeting that had been called by the Board of Supervisors in order to interview candidates for the Fire Chief position. Appointment of the Fire Chief is recommended by the County Executive and must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Chief Stinnette had been Acting Chief since December 7, 1998, when a vacancy was created by retiring Chief Glenn A. Gaines.

Chief Stinnette graduated from George Mason University with a degree in Fire Administration and Technology, came to Fairfax County as a firefighter in 1973. From 1973 to 1985, he gained a wide range of experience in the Fire and Rescue Department, including positions as a truck/squad officer, training officer, shift

commander, recruit school coordinator, and station commander. In 1985 he was promoted to Lead Battalion Chief, and in 1987 he was named Deputy Fire Chief. In 1992 Chief Stinnette was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief of Operations where he has served until being appointed as Acting Fire Chief in December.

In April 1995, Chief Stinnette served as the Task Force Leader for the Virginia Task Force One response to the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. He also served as Task Force Leader in January 1994 to the Northridge, California earthquake.

Chief Stinnette is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the State Fire Chiefs Association of Virginia. He is certified as an adjunct instructor at Northern Virginia Community College and the Commonwealth of Virginia. His appointment was effective April 19, 1999. ♦

Fire and Rescue Digest Schedule

The Fire and Rescue Digest program plays on Channel 16. The new program for the month of June will include.

- The 1999 Valor Award Winners
- Thermal imaging device
- The Safe Center
- Tree dedication (Oklahoma City Bombing)
- Traffic incident safety tip
- Profile of Technician Bonnie Tobalske
- Profile of Firefighter Francis Mensah
- Question and Answer - topic: ALS Engines

Fire and Rescue Digest in June airs:

Sunday	5 p.m.
Monday	3 p.m.
Tuesday	Noon
Wednesday	7 p.m.
Friday	6 p.m.
Saturday	4 p.m.



Battalion Chief Neuhard Selected for 1998 Onthank Award

BY NELL ROSE JARVIS
HEADQUARTERS, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTION

Battalion Chief Michael P. Neuhard, Supervisor of the Hazardous Materials and Investigative Services, Fire Prevention Division is one of ten recipients of the 1998 A. Heath Onthank Award.

The award is named for the first chairman of the County's Civil Service Commission. It is given annually to employees with "accomplishments of outstanding worth in advancing and improving public service in the County government or school system." Battalion Chief Neuhard was nominated for his excellent management and people skills that set an exemplary personal leadership standard for public administration.

The nomination and award recognizes his efforts to keep the division on a steady course during a major transition period. Last year was a challenging year for members of the Fire Prevention Division—positions were lost through budget cuts where experienced personnel, including the Deputy Chief, were lost to retirement. In addition, staffing was severely taxed to meet the demands of the Omega Sprinkler Head Replacement Program. Battalion Chief Neuhard was influential during day-to-day operations and his "can do" approach and excellent management and people skills were contributing factors in ensuring the division provided consistent service delivery of its many programs.

The nomination highlights many of his contributions: he managed the division's budget and directed the design and implementation of an automated budget tracking program; he directed the development and implementation of three software programs that greatly improved the

ability of investigative and hazardous materials enforcement personnel to manage their heavy caseloads (a 43 percent increase in the hazmat caseload and a 30 percent increase in lab calls) with zero impact on service delivery; he directed the purchase of a multi-faceted hazardous materials emergency incident management database, trained key personnel, and established a committee to screen and manage data input; he provided guidance and supervision of the expansion of the Canine Accelerant Detection Program that provided multi-agency interface with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; he directed and supervised the creation of the hazardous Materials Code Reference Package to help business "do business" safely and legally within the county; he chaired the county's Hazardous Materials Task Force; he provided staff support and advice to the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee; served on the U.S. Department of Transportation Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee; he served on the State Corporation Commission Underground Utility Damage Prevention Advisory Committee; and he served as a duty hazardous materials investigator on rotation.

Battalion Chief Neuhard has given countless personal hours and leads by example. He is respected at the federal, state, inter-agency, and business levels for his character, conscience, and commitment. Last year, he was inducted into Sigma Beta Delta, the National Honor Society for Business, Management, and Administration. As those who know him can attest, his energy and enthusiasm are infectious. ♦

Passenger Rail Training Program: Operation Respond

BY DEPUTY CHIEF KENNETH L. JONES
FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMY

The fabled and storied train of folk ballads, the City of New Orleans, suffered a devastating derailment when a tractor-trailer loaded with steel derailed the speeding streamliner in Illinois on March 16, 1999. The news clips showed a horrific accident scene with twisted rails, smashed and burning locomotives, and cars. The rescuers were frantically attempting to control the fire and systematically remove and treat over 200 passengers and crew.

How do you prepare for such an incident?

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department entered into a public-private partnership with Operation Respond to conduct extensive passenger rail training programs for first responder fire and rescue personnel, along with personnel from the rail industry. This cooperative program has enabled the department to expand the level of training personnel receive, along with personnel from other first responder jurisdictions and the railroad community.

The pilot program was conducted in July 1998 with a class of 18 from our department and representatives from Amtrak, Virginia Railway Express, and other railroads. The three-day course of instruction consisted of classroom sessions on the technical inner workings of a railroad and the mechanical operational characteristics of passenger cars and locomotives. The second day covered case studies of lessons learned from passenger rail accidents that resulted in mass casualty situations. What went right, as well as shortcomings, were discussed to ensure that our personnel are now better

prepared to respond to a passenger rail accident.

The class did a hands-on review of actual rail equipment by railroad personnel using passenger rail equipment on site. The final component of the class was an actual response to a simulated accident. The lessons learned from the pilot were used to conduct a follow-up regional class, conducted at the Fire and Rescue Academy, March 3 - 5, 1999.

The class was then faced with a more challenging incident on December 5, 1998, Amtrak used a large-rail wrecking crane to roll over a sleeping car. This provided a totally different rescue scenario for the first responder. The car was on its side and movement inside was very difficult. Search and removal of victims was challenging for the first responder. These conditions were similar to that in Illinois when the City of New Orleans derailed.

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An Amtrak heavy rail crane lifts a sleeping car prior to rolling the car over in setting up for Operation Response training. (Photo by Deputy Chief Kenneth L. Jones.)

EMS Documentation: Your Input

BY PATTI BLANKENSHIP
HEADQUARTERS, EMS DIVISION

One of the many issues being addressed by the EMS CQI Committee is the way we document our patient encounters. Duplication of effort in completing reports, inconsistency in information between the two patient-care report (PCR) documents, confusion over data field choices within the On-Line Fires reporting system, and inadequacy of information contained on some of the forms are some of the more urgent reasons cited for seeking revision of PCR documents.

The revised FRD-207, Pre-Hospital Patient Care Record, has been designed to incorporate as much objective patient information as possible, thus decreasing the amount of information that needs to be included in the narrative. It also is intended to be more user-friendly than current forms, requiring items to be checked off or circled rather than being written. Additionally, the data fields contained in the On-Line Fires report will be examined with three goals in mind. The first goal is to remove any unnecessary data fields. Second, add any needed data elements not currently included. Finally, the committee hopes to redefine those

data field selections that offer confusing answer choices.

It was felt the current FRD-256, Refusal of Service/Release Form, should contain additional information that more accurately reflects what actions were taken or specifically refused at the scene. Before being reprinted and distributed to the field, the proposed revision will be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for review.

Finally, the biggest change to the revised FRD-208, 1st Responder Patient Information, is inclusion of charts on pediatric vitals, causes of altered LOC, Glasgow Coma Score, and burn sizing to the back of the page for quick and easy reference.

The proposed revised forms were attached to Informational Bulletin 99-055, Field Test of Revised FRD-207, Pre-Hospital Patient Care Record. Everyone is encouraged to review and to comment on any of these proposed revisions, even if your unit will not be serving as one of the field test units. Comments can be sent to Patti Blankenship of the EMS Division through the Courier, via e-mail at pblank@co.fairfax.va.us, or telephone, 246-3871. ♦

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It is through continued training and enhancement of the department's capability to offer state-of-the-art training through partnerships with the transportation industry that provides the key for first responders to be able to operate safely at a derailment site. In order to modernize the training capability, the railroad industry will donate additional rail equipment for training in the future. Training props and additional operational challenges will make the department able to maintain a state-of-the-art passenger rail training facility.

The enhancements to the training site are expected to be complete before the next class in September. Working on the railroad has taken on a new meaning because of the increase in passenger rail travel in the region and training is the key to a rapid and safe response to an incident.

The first encounter department personnel should have with a train accident should be through a training experience. The partnership with Operation Respond allows the department to develop innovative training options within a tight training budget. ♦

Hot Shots



This five million dollar luxury home under construction located at 8000 Georgetown Pike was fully involved when units arrived on the scene. (above and right)



Firefighters worked for one and one-half hours to bring the blaze under control.



Two occupants escaped this early morning fire on Paynes Church Drive. Improper disposal of smoking material caused major fire damage to the garage and the second floor attic.



Virginia Task Force One (VATF-1) members compete in "Rescue Challenge 99," along with teams from Alexandria City, Arlington County, Henrico County, and Virginia Beach. Portions of this exercise simulate some of the rescue techniques used in rescue efforts at the Alfred P. Murrah building after the Oklahoma City bombing.



Technician Timothy Slepetz (retired) cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremonies of the new Air Shop at the warehouse. (left to right) Lietutenant Terry L. Reid, Technician Timothy Slepetz, and Chief Edward L. Stinnette.



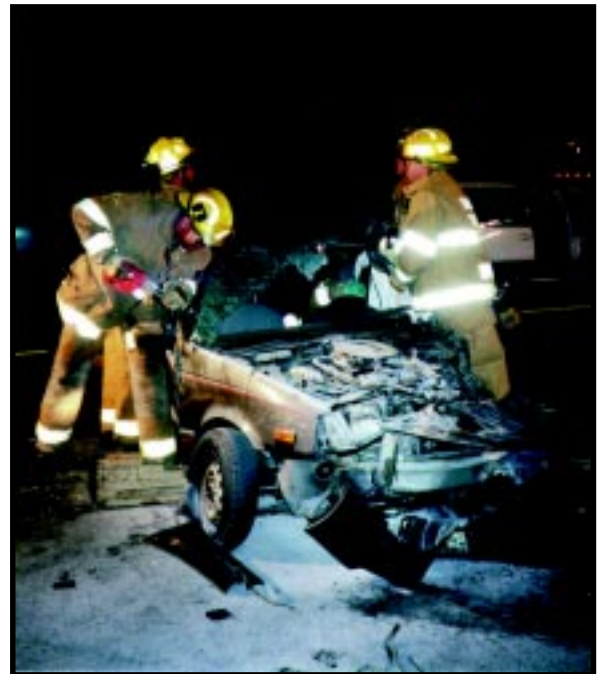
A sapling from the sole surviving tree from the Oklahoma City bombing was planted in memory of the lives lost and the everlasting bond of friendship between the people of Oklahoma City and Fairfax County firefighters.



EMS task force personnel treat injured children who were passengers on a school bus involved in an accident on Route 123 in Lorton.



Ambassador Edward W. Gnehm, Jr., Director General, U.S. Foreign Service, presents Assistant Chief John J. Brown, Jr., with a commendation for Virginia Task Force One team members who were deployed to the Nairobi, Kenya, American Embassy bombing.



Members from Rescue Company 21 assist in removing a victim from this vehicle accident that occurred on May 6 at Route 28 and Route 66. (Photo by Captain I Steven I. Weissman).

Battalion 4 Headquarters Improved Greatly By Relocation

BY BATTALION CHIEF MARK KANE
BATTALION 4, C-SHIFT

The field office for Battalion Four moved to Fire and Rescue Station 8 on April 11. This long-awaited event will offer many advantages.

While a battalion chief moves anywhere in the battalion during the course of a day, many hours are spent at the office. This move centralizes the office within the battalion. Overall, it is expected that this new location will improve the response of the battalion chief to most of the battalion's first-due boxes. In addition, the chief will now be assigned as the closest chief to incidents in all of his proprietary boxes. For routine travel within the battalion, the headquarters is now centrally located enabling the battalion chief to travel to any station in the battalion quicker. This also moves the battalion chief into a position that is closer to the center of activity within the battalion. The response times to other battalions also will to be reduced, especially in the south and the west, although it may increase slightly in a portion of Battalion Two. This will be useful when the battalion chief is running as the second battalion chief or on an additional alarm, or if he or she happens to be the next due battalion chief when another battalion chief is already committed.

Finally, responses to some fireboxes will change, Battalion Four Headquarters will be

closer to more boxes within Battalion Four. This will reduce overall command officer response times not only to boxes within the battalion but also in neighboring battalions as well.

The battalion headquarters office was constructed through a joint venture between the Fire and Rescue Department and the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department. The project was part of a major addition and renovation project affecting the existing fire station on Columbia Pike in Annandale.

The new office is unique. It is physically isolated from the normal work areas of the

station and the battalion chief has his own vehicle bay.

The Fourth Battalion consists mostly of the county area inside the beltway (except McLean) and a corridor in the middle of the county from Alexandria to Fairfax City. The battalion contains some of the oldest developments in the county, and is very diverse and urban. A



Battalion Chief Mark Kane settles into the new battalion office at Station 8.

significant number of responses are mutual aid calls with units from Arlington County, Fairfax City, and the City of Alexandria. Several of the county's most significant target and transportation hazards are within the battalion, including the Fairfax Hospital complex. The battalion is currently served by Battalion Chief Robert E. Rhea, Battalion Chief Glenn P. Benarick, and Battalion Chief Mark T. Kane. Everyone is adjusting nicely in their new home. ♦

Thank You For the Great Service

"On March 17th of this year, I placed a call to 911 to request respiratory aid to my wife and transportation back to Fairfax Hospital. I had brought my wife home from the hospital earlier that day under the auspices of the INOVA Hospice Care Program. Unfortunately, she began to show increasing signs of respiratory distress and, after consultation with the doctor, I decided to call 911 to request that she be transported back to the hospital. Your crews from Company 12 in Great Falls and Company 25 in Reston responded immediately and arrived at my home about the same time. They were under the direction of Beau Beaseley of your Reston unit. There were a total of five to seven men in my home at that time and they all behaved in the highest and most professional manner. Beau was directing them in a low-key but assured tone. They were clearly aware that they were in a private home and conducted themselves with the utmost deference and consideration. Most importantly, my daughters remarked upon how carefully the men treated my wife, particularly in fitting her with a re-breather mask and transferring her to the gurney. Beau asked if I had a DNR order and I presented him with a copy. He was very careful to discuss it with me twice on the way to the hospital to make sure that I understood the meaning and the implications of the order. Although I had requested that my wife be returned to Fairfax Hospital from which she had been discharged earlier in the day, Beau made the decision that it would be more expeditious to admit her to Reston Hospital. I followed his advice and, as it turned out, that was indeed the best course of action. Once admitted to the hospital, Beau remained for quite a while and I did have the opportunity to talk further with him concerning the condition of my wife and the work that he and his men had done.

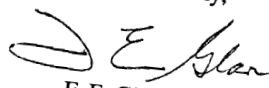
I have since remarked several times to my friends and colleagues on the professionalism, courtesy and care that your team displayed under Mr. Beaseley's leadership.

I was particularly gratified when last Friday evening I received a call from Mr. Beaseley. He was just following up on how I was doing, expressing his sympathy and extending his condolences on the passing of my wife. He simply said that he wanted to let me know that somebody was thinking of me during the Easter weekend. I can only say that this was indeed a thoughtful act and one for which I am most grateful.

It is clear that with men like Beau Beaseley providing the leadership to a fine crew, you can be assured of a quality operation with people who show understanding and personal attention to the needs of the community."

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,



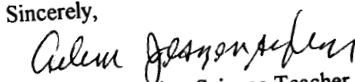
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"On March 26 Technician Jeff Lewis and Lieutenant Don Vaught from the Beulah Street fire station visited my classroom at Hayfield Secondary School at my request. My students are juniors and seniors enrolled in Anatomy and Physiology. We had been studying the cardiovascular system and I wanted my students - most of whom plan a medical career - to hear first hand from a paramedic who treats cardiovascular emergencies.

Technician Lewis brought equipment with him. He gave a clear and easy-to-follow explanation of how the cardiovascular system is supposed to work and how it sometimes fails. He used a heart model to demonstrate his talk and even explained how paramedic emergency assistance differs from what students see on TV. He gave the students an opportunity to ask questions and encouraged the students to consider a medical career, including that of paramedic. His presentation could not have been better. He fired up some of my students who are inclined to give in to "spring fever" in this last half of their senior year. I do think he made a convert or two who will investigate work as an EMT, leading to paramedic.

Thank you very much for encouraging your staff to visit the high school classroom in order to share their expertise. Someone like Technician Lewis from "the field" has more credibility than I do as a classroom teacher when speaking about medical emergencies. His visit has an impact greater than he might imagine."

Sincerely,



Arleen Jeszenszky, Science Teacher

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 03/15/99 **Box:** 1407 **Address:** 5042 Linette Lane **Type:** House **Cause:** Incense
Value: \$230,000 **Loss:** \$60,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 03/17/99 **Box:** 0100 **Address:** 1142 Marion Avenue **Type:** House **Cause:** Smoking
Materials **Value:** \$300,000 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 03/18/99 **Box:** 0823 **Address:** 45852 Conwell Drive **Type:** Townhouse
Cause: Dryer motor **Value:** \$160,000 **Loss:** \$60,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 03/20/99 **Box:** 1304 **Address:** 1949 Fay Place **Type:** House **Cause:** Children and
Matches **Value:** \$120,000 **Loss:** \$60,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 03/29/99 **Box:** 0595 **Address:** 5912 Franconia Road **Type:** Church **Cause:** Incendiary
Value: \$1,500,000 **Loss:** \$250,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 04/04/99 **Box:** 1139 **Address:** 6624 Dorset Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Electrical
Value: \$268,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 04/05/99 **Box:** 2000 **Address:** 10709 Green Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Dehumidifier
Value: \$400,000 **Loss:** \$250,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 04/08/99 **Box:** 1304 **Address:** 1933 Kennedy Drive **Type:** Apartment **Cause:** Furnace
Value: \$500,000 **Loss:** \$500,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 04/08/99 **Box:** 4400 **Address:** 887 Station Street **Type:** House **Cause:** Smoking
Materials **Value:** \$190,000 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 04/10/99 **Box:** 0814 **Address:** 4815 Bristow Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Candle
Value: \$230,000 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 04/12/99 **Box:** 2214 **Address:** 6308 Hibbling Avenue **Type:** House **Cause:** Electrical
Value: \$170,000 **Loss:** \$75,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 04/15/99 **Box:** 2704 **Address:** 8104 Smithfield Avenue **Type:** House
Cause: Incendiary **Value:** \$250,000 **Loss:** \$250,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 04/23/99 **Box:** 1126 **Address:** 6505 Tower Drive **Type:** Apartment **Cause:** Candle
Value: \$2,000,000 **Loss:** \$65,000 **Status:** Closed

***Show all of your people the “big picture”
if you want the best performance.***

Fire Fatalities

Date: 03/18/99 **Box:** 0944 **Address:** 8159 Mount Vernon Highway **Type:** House **Cause:** Four Fatalities Undetermined **Value:** \$500 **Loss:** \$500 **Status:** Open

Arrests/Petitions

Date: 03/06/99 **Box:** 0810 **Address:** 7487 Demille Court **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged a 13-year-old male with burning personal property. A trial date has been set for June 6, 1999.

Date: 04/05/99 **Box:** 1823 **Address:** 3300 Gallows Road **Type:** Hospital **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged a 21-year-old female with setting fire to a structure. A trial date will be set for June.

Date: 03/03/99 **Box:** 2704 **Address:** 8102 Smithfield Avenue **Type:** House **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged a 20-year-old female with three counts of setting fire to a structure. A preliminary hearing is set for June 16, 1999.

Date: 04/26/99 **Box:** 3800 **Address:** 6100 Stone Road **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged one 10-year-old male, one 12-year-old male and one 14-year-old male with one count each of carelessly damaging property by fire. A trial date has been set for May 19, 1999.

Date: 04/30/99 **Box:** 2800 **Address:** 2960 Sleepy Hollow Road **Type:** Tampering **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged a 13-year-old male with tampering with a fire protection system. A trial date has been set for June 2, 1999.

Firefighters' Ball and Retirement Dinner

Mark your calendar on November 6, 1999, for the Annual Firefighters' Ball and Retirement Dinner. The Firefighters' Ball and Retirement Dinner will be held at the Elk's Lodge #2188 located at 8421 Arlington Boulevard in Falls Church, Virginia. The Firefighters' Ball is not a formal event. The evening starts with dinner served buffet style, followed by a short program. Evening will end with dancing. All department members who retired in 1999 will be recognized.

Look for more information in the July/August *Line Copy*.



Safe Kids Day



Top 10 Activity Report

April - May 1999

Ambulance

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
A 413	389
A 410	343
A 408	328
A 409	304
A 428	303
A 411	302
A 430	302
A 414	275
A 431	266
A 437	257

Engine Company

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
E 410	506
E 408	467
E 413	448
E 411	444
E 404	442
E 409	433
E 422	430
E 426	421
E 429	411
E 401	380

Rescue Company

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
R 426	280
R 401	227
R 421	211
R 418	196
R 411	189
R 419	143
R 414	134

Medic

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
M 418	459
M 410	448
M 408	410
M 425	401
M 426	397
M 422	393
M 429	376
M 405	370
M 404	367
M 427	360

Rescue Engine

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
RE 425	118

Ladder Company

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
T 410	234
T 429	219
T 425	213
T 408	168
T 436	153
T 422	136
T 411	134
T 430	131
T 405	127
T 401	116

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.

Retirements

Derrick W. Anderson
Senior Building Inspector
October 30, 1989 - March 12, 1999

Technician Joseph E. Bertoni
September 21, 1981 – May 21, 1999

Technician Raymond R. Mason
April 1, 1974 – April 9, 1999

Captain II Stanley E. Earl
September 5, 1972 – May 21, 1999

Anniversaries

20 Years

Lieutenant Robert L. Ange
Master Technician Christian A. Bastin
Lieutenant Tony E. Biller
Firefighter Walton B. Eamich
Technician Delbert L. Feaster
Captain II George M. Harley
Master Technician William V. Hedrick
Lieutenant William R. Hitchings
Master Technician Michael M. Huffman
Technician Kevin M. Jones
Firefighter Gene E. Kelley
Master Technician Paul D. Lof
Master Technician Richard A. McKinney
Technician Kenneth M. Monteleone
Captain II Dallas D. Phillips
Master Technician Thomas W. Reedy
Battalion Chief David L. Rohr
Lieutenant Willie B. Sheard
Technician Thomas P. Smith

Lieutenant Russell L. Strube
Firefighter Martin Tasker
Deputy Chief Eric D. Walker

10 Years

Technician Thomas R. Barnes
Master Technician Kevin R. Coen
Master Technician Troy H. Dean
Technician Kathleen M. Earl
Master Technician David J. Higgins
Lieutenant Walter E. Johnson
Captain I William A. Jordan
Lieutenant Todd M. Kable
Lieutenant Charles A. Martin
Deborah K. Mauck, Account Clerk II
Technician Shawn K. McPherson
Technician Damon O. Price
Lieutenant Thomas J. Schwartz
Firefighter Dana R. Unger

5 Years

Vicki L. Dawson, Secretary I
Marlene H. Moran, Secretary I

Awards & Presentations

Meritorious Service Award

Technician Kevin M. Jones
Technician Homer M. Smith
Volunteer Firefighter Justin Green

Unit Citation

8104 Smithfield Avenue

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Captain Gary W. Winemiller
Technician David W. Hall
Technician Benjamin C. Hudson
Firefighter Michael J. Buckley
Firefighter Marlon D. Garner

M427

Lieutenant James E. Lee
Lieutenant Rebecca S. Price-Lyons
Technician James A. Minyard

Team Performance Award

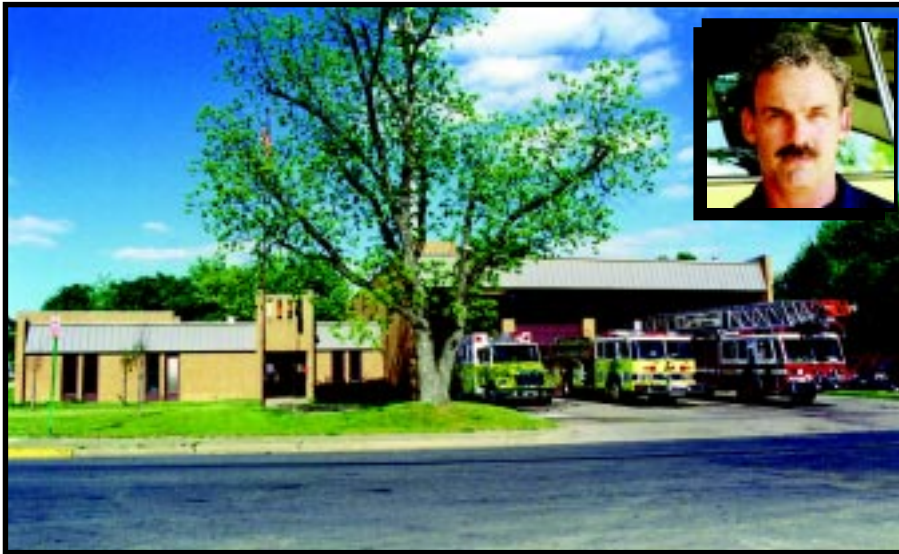
Outer Beltway Prior to Telegraph Road

M426

Lieutenant Thomas W. Ryan
Technician Ryland B. Kendrick

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Station Profile

Bailey's Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station # 10

Captain II
Floyd L. Ellmore
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1974

Station logo/motto: The Greatest Show on Earth

Station specialty: 135-foot aerial ladder, boat operations, and some of the best and most aggressive firefighters in the business.

Square miles in first due area: 4.7

Specific hazardous/target areas: Nursing homes, commercial and residential high rises, numerous older garden apartments, and commercial structures.

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, truck, medic, ambulance utility, boat, medic reserve, and pumper.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** Captain II Floyd L. Ellmore III, Lieutenant Edward D. De Carlo, Lieutenant Matthew J. Nacy, Lieutenant Charles D. Mills, Technician Alonzo E. Robinson, Technician Joseph A. Oleksia, Technician Charles T. McFarland, Master Technician Timothy A. Sparrow, Firefighter Thomas O. Winship, Firefighter Laurie W. Dawson, Firefighter Kevin P. Edwards, Firefighter Richard S. Slepetz, Firefighter Keith W. Cerzullo. **B-Shift:** Captain I Michael A. Deli, Lieutenant Michael E. Torres, Lieutenant Gary C. Dize, Lieutenant Michael P. Regan, Technician Ramiro H. Galvez, Technician Andrew J. Pumphrey, Master Technician Michael J. Marks, Technician Anthony E. Doran, Firefighter Ronald S. Hollister, Firefighter Mark O. Thompson, Firefighter Trina L. Jones, Firefighter Randal L. Bittinger, Firefighter Karl D. Roche. **C-Shift:** Captain I Vincent R. McGregor Jr., Lieutenant Marcus D. Williams, Lieutenant Steven D. Clark, Lieutenant Victor M. Miller Jr., Technician Svenja E. Leyden, Technician Kenneth L. Coffelt, Technician Michael B. Davis, Master Technician Kerry R. Jackson, Firefighter Joseph M. Laun, Firefighter Daniel B. Borden, Firefighter Scott E. Herbert, Firefighter Richard D. Riley, Firefighter Jose Calderon Jr.

Volunteer Chief: John Johnson **Volunteer President:** Jerry Strider

Front cover photos: Former Station 9 on Fort Hunt Road housed this 1961 American LaFrance pumper. The "Turbo Chief" was the first fire apparatus with a jet engine on the East Coast. The Fire and Rescue Department's third Fire Chief, Warren E. Isman. Chief Isman assumed the position of Fire Chief in July 1983 and held the position until his death on August 5, 1991. (bottom left); and Twenty-four story Skyline Plaza North collapsed on March 2, 1973, killing 14 construction workers and injuring an additional 34 workers. Editor's Note: 50th Anniversary patch was designed by Firefighter Brent Schnupp, Station 8, A-Shift.

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